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Mahabhisheka
for Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&BCT)- The colossal monolith Nandi Statue, located mid-way on the Mysuru city-Chamundi Hill Road, was this morning bathed in more than 38 sacred herbs and flowers, including milk, honey, sugarcane juice, curds, ghee, *payasam,* sacred ash, dry fruits, tender coconut water, sandalwood, kumkum, turmeric, rice flour, banana and other fruits as devotees performed 'Mahabhisheka.'

The event was organised by the members of 'Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust' that has been conducting the rituals for the past 15 years and this is the 16th year. The sacred ritual is performed annually in the Karthika month of the Hindu calendar.

Tomorrow, a Deepotsava will be performed.

Hundreds of devotees had gathered around the statue to witness the ritual his morning and the ceremony was led by Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Somanathananda Swamiji and Hosamutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji. As the road between the View Point and the Nandi Statue has caved-in at many places, there was not much vehicular traffic.

But as it was a Sunday, there were a sizable number of regular walkers who had the glimpse of the 'Mahabhisheka.' 28 litres of milk, 10 litres curd, 2 litres ghee and 5 kg honey and a host of sacred pastes, fruits, sugarcane juice and other ritualistic items like turmeric, vermillion, *sindoor,* sandal paste, *bilvapatra* were used.

Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust President S. Prakash, Secretary N. Govind and others were present.

It is said that the practice of performing 'Mahabhisheka' to the monolith existed during the reign of Wadiyars. This year, the celebrations were simple like last year due to COVID.

The statue of Nandi, the celestial bull, rests midway along the road to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and the monolithic statue is a major tourist attraction.

Mysuru had produced 500 electric mopeds in 80s

By S. Kenneth Shishir

Mysuru, Nov. 21- The eco-friendly nature of electric two-wheelers is making their market grow at an incredible pace with a lot of auto-makers rolling out vehicles with eye-catching designs.

Modern scooters trace their heritage as far back as 1895 when first patents for electrically-powered personal transportation devices were filed. However, many are unaware that a company in Mysuru had rolled out over 500 electric mopeds 'Komal' way back in 1980-81. The company that manufactured electric

Surya Kumar Kikkeri and Ananthapadmanabha

two-wheelers in Mysuru was 'Electromobiles India Limited'.

According to **Surya Kumar Kikkeri,** the then General Manager of Electromobiles India Limited, the unit was initially started in Dharwad but moved to Mysuru in 1977-78 as land was available here, "The unit was set up at Yelwal and was later shifted to Premier Studio premises on Hunsur Road. It was a Government unit under the 'Alternative Source of Energy Commission', with the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as its Chairperson."

Electric moped 'Komal.' Picture extreme right shows the electric auto used during the 1982 Asian Games.

Surya Kumar said that trial production started in 1980-81 and the vehicles were sent to Automotive Research Association of India in Pune to get a 'Road worthy certificate' and to comply with Motor Vehicle Rules. Though everything was approved and over 500 electric scooters under the name 'Komal' were manufactured with more than 10,000 bookings on hand, problems of management and funds cropped up, which eventually hit production.

(See MOPEDS on page 3)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 21st November 2021

CM mulls exclusive financial institution for women entrepreneurs

Bengaluru, Nov. 21 (UNI)- Sensing the need for greater encouragement for women entrepreneurs, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is keen to establish a financial institution to exclusively help women entrepreneurs that would cater to the needs of women from Sthree Shakthi Sanghas in villages to big women entrepreneurs.

Inaugurating the "Together We Grow" conclave organised as part of the International Women's Entrepreneurship Day, Bommai said, "I have thought for a long time. All Sthree Shakthi Sanghas are given seed money to engage in different activities. But to help them or any woman entrepreneur, we need a great financial institution. I am talking to the Finance Department to create a financial institution exclusively for women entrepreneurs that would cater to Sthree Shakti Sanghas in a village for major projects, which women can handle."

"Women means entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship means women, that is what I want. Home-making is the biggest business in the world. There are different Departments within that from groceries to toiletries, electronic gadgets and so on. Women running the households are also entrepreneurs. According to a report, the savings of our Indian women at home are more than the savings achieved by our nationalised banks. Even the biggest of banks and enterprises declare bankruptcy often, there is no instance of any household in our country declaring bankruptcy. Saving is part of our culture," Bommai said.

The CM also announced his plans to come out with a special programme within a week to provide employment for visually-impaired women. He strongly advocated the need for helping the physically disadvantaged in general and visually-impaired women in particular, to enable them to lead a dignified life.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The ecologically fragile Western Ghats region has been playing the pivotal role of mitigating carbon footprint with the potential to sequester carbon emission of all southern Indian cities and 1.62 per cent of the total CO2 emissions from India. India has committed at the Paris Climate Change Agreement to reduce emissions by 33-35 per cent by 2030, which necessitates the immediate implementation of carbon capture (through afforestation of degraded landscapes with native species, and regulating large scale land cover changes) and de-carbonisation (through large scale implementation of renewable and sustainable energy alternatives) with stringent norms towards protection of ecologically fragile regions, dis-incentives for continued higher emissions based on 'polluter pays' principle and adoption of cluster-based decentralized developmental approaches and incentives for reduced emission.

Carbon trading has demonstrated the potential in monetary values across the globe of Indian forests in capturing carbon. The forest ecosystems in the Western Ghats are worth Rs. 100 billion (USD 1.4 billion) at USD 30 per tonne. The carbon credit mechanism and streamlining stakeholder's active participation would dramatically reduce the abuse of forests and encourage farmers to grow trees and convert the land to its next best use.

—Dr. T.V. Ramachandra in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

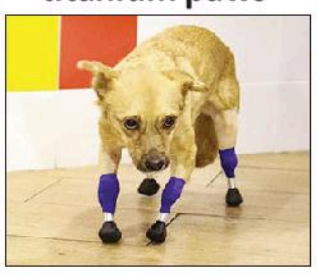
Girl makes dress with recycled KFC packaging

South Africa: A girl on Twitter has created a dress made with recycled KFC packaging. The fast food giant too responded to the amazing creation!

One thing you will find in abundance on internet is creativity. From interesting ideas to unique fusion dishes, there's something new to be learned or be inspired from at every scroll on your social media feed.

A fashion blogger has recently gone the extra mile to make her clothing as environment-friendly as possible. The girl created a dress made with recycled packaging from the popular fast-food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC). The pictures were posted on Twitter by user @NokuzothaNtuli, where they have received 12.5 likes and thousands of comments.

Russian rescue dog gets prosthetic titanium paws



Moscow: Monika the Russian rescue dog is ready for her new life after she was fitted with four prosthetic titanium paws in a pricey and complex operation paid for by a crowd-funding campaign. Two weeks after procedure, the small beige pooch is still weak and tired, but she's back on her feet again. "Luck and experience played its part," said Sergei Gorshkov, the vet who completed the challenging op. The 33-year-old from the Siberian city of Novosibirsk has fitted artificial limbs on more than 30 furry patients, including a quadruple transplant on a cat. But this was the first time he had tried operation on a dog.

Monika had travelled far for this life-changing surgery. She was found by volunteers in a forest near Krasnodar, a city in southern Russia 4,000 kms from Gorshkov's clinic. Her four legs were bloody stumps.

HEALTH CAPSULE

CAN LOUD NOISES OR STRONG SMELLS HURT A BABY?

Sudden loud noise can cause temporary Reduction in hearing sensitivity mostly in all individuals, including babies. But sometimes it can be permanent. But strong smell is unlikely to hamper sense of smell.

By Dr. Dathathri H. A.- Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon & Cochlear Implant Surgeon

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Kanakadasa Jayanti tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&DM)- The 534th Kanakadasa Jayanti will be celebrated in a grand manner at Kaginele Kanakaguru Peetha Shakha Mutt at Siddarthanagar in city on Nov. 22 after 11 am.

Announcing this at a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Friday, Kanakadasa Jayanthotsava Samithi General Secretary M. Puttaswamy (Bank Puttaswamy) said that in the wake of Model Code of Conduct for MLC polls, the District Administration will be celebrating the Jayanti in a simple manner at Kalamandira on the morning of Nov.22. In this backdrop, the Samithi will be conducting the Jayanti in a grand manner at Kanakaguru Shaka Mutt after the conclusion of the District Administration programme, he pointed out.

Stating that the programme at Siddarthanagar will take place after 11 am on Monday, Puttaswamy said that Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji and other community leaders will pay floral tributes to the portrait of Saint Kanakadasa. Several other programmes will also be held as part of the event, he added.

The Samithi office-bearers B. Krishnappa, Chowhalli Puttaswamy and J. Mahadevappa, former Corporator M.K. Shankar and others were present at the press meet.

REALLY...?

- **Indian Army controls the highest battlefield in the world, the Siachen Glacier, which is 5,000 metres above sea level.**
- **Indian Army has the biggest 'voluntary' military force in the world.**
- **Bailey bridge, the highest altitude bridge in the world, is built by the Indian Army. As part of Operation Rahat, the Indian Army evacuated many people from the massive flood in Uttarakhand. It was one of the biggest civilian rescue operations ever carried out in the world!**
- **Indian Army's High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) is considered as one of the most elite training centres in the world.**

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1 Euro	= Rs. 83.75

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	NOVEMBER 19	NOVEMBER 20
Day's Positive Cases	5	17
Total Positive Cases	1,79,499	1,79,516
Day's Discharges	7	19
Total Discharges	1,76,912	1,76,931
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,429	2,429
Total Active Cases	158	156

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Heritage Conservation: A New Look

Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion

Sir,

The collapse of the roof in the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion is the topic of the day in all newspapers and by experts on conservation. In the context of cities with long histories, that are fighting a losing battle against rapid urbanisation, rising land cost and indifference by people, it is critical that we learn the art of heritage documentation for prosperity.

The significance of this documentation is vital in countries, in cities, in towns, in Mohallas, where socio-economic consideration do not permit built heritage conservation. Paucity of funds and experts both in terms of consultants and workmen is also a deterrent for heritage conservation.

It is of prime importance to understand in countries like ours with rich heritage of built environment of 5,000 years and more, who draws the line on what is important. Do we have enough evidence either in written form or by hearsay about how the builders of Pyramid or builders of Taj Mahal lived, settlements of those times.

The world-famous Agra is still a 2 or 3 tier town in the Indian context, and old Delhi conjures up an image of over-crowded streets etc., yet they carry a big burden of heritage and glorious lifestyles of the past.

Efforts have been made to restore, retrofit or put for reuse buildings and areas for which information is available.

What about everything else? What about the streets, parks and elements of yesteryears?

Understanding this predicament has now become mandatory and urgent, to document heritage buildings in the correct format with excellent photo documentation to allow future generations to understand how our cities and towns grew and how did people live. Some such examples all over the world are heritage villages in well-known towns in America depicting the lifestyle, the manner of living etc., of a particular community at a particular time at a particular period in history. For example, the German village outside Columbus, Ohio, USA and Dhakshinachitra on Mahabalipuram Road in Chennai.

Heritage conservation laws and standards set in our country do not take economic criteria into consideration. Do we have special initiatives, can we have a Heritage Transfer of Development Rights (HTDR)? Can we have CSR funding to maintain beautiful wooden staircases in heritage buildings or chandeliers in Palaces?

A new re-look is the order of the day. In my opinion, this is the way forward and our education system must emphasis on this and include it in its curriculum especially in Architecture.

—Prof. Ar. D.S. Ramakrishna Rao, Advisor & Mentor GSSS School of Architecture for Women and Director, Desirazu Associates

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Mysuru had produced 500 electric mopeds in 80s

(Continued from page 1)

Except for the motor which was supplied by Honeywell from the USA, all other parts including the batteries were manufactured in India, Surya Kumar said.

"Komal had 12 volts 70 AH battery, which used to give about 70 km per charge and could reach a top speed of 35 to 40 km. There was hardly any major maintenance except for refilling distilled water to the battery," he added.

The company had also manufactured three-wheelers (autos), which were used in the 1982 Asian Games from Nov. 19 to Dec. 4 in New Delhi.

"We were the pioneers. Mysuru would have been the first city in the country to produce electric vehicles *en masse* if more research and development and investment had taken place along with proper management," said Surya Kumar.

The Government wanted to sell the company to a private firm in Bengaluru and all formalities had gone through but the untimely demise of the private firm owner stalled the sale, he added.

Ananthapadmanabha, electrical section in-charge of the company, said that Komal was a two-speed moped which had two batteries of 12 volts. It had three relays manufactured by Bosch, a charging unit and each vehicle had a pricing of about Rs. 6,000.

"There were funds and infrastructure but there was no proper leadership. Eventually the company closed," he said.

The company had participated in various auto expos at Toronto, Atlanta and Washington in 1981. Many were astonished that a developing country was manufacturing electric vehicles without seeking any help from developed ones, Ananthapadmanabha said.

Battery disposal

Going by the number of electric vehicles that are being purchased now, every house will have an electric two-wheeler in about 10 years. "Batteries have life and need to be disposed of when dead. They contain hazardous chemicals and if they are disposed of casually or as a landfill they will contaminate soil and underground water sources. Battery disposal should be done scientifically to prevent such problems in future, he said.

The biggest environmental issue with lead-acid batteries involves the lead component of the battery. Lead is a heavy metal with potentially dangerous health impacts.

Lead-acid batteries have been in the market for quite some time while lithium-ion batteries have been just recently introduced. Electric vehicles run on lithium-ion or li-ion batteries that store energy and can be recharged. The batteries used in these vehicles — from two-wheelers to commercial vehicles and public transport buses — are largely the same.

EV batteries consist of multiple lithium-ion cells and modules which are made up of heavy metals such as cobalt, lithium, nickel and manganese. Lithium-ion batteries and their end-of-life management is not a new challenge.

Mobile phones and other consumer electronics already use these batteries. However, with a policy push from the Government for electric mobility, the consequent rise in used batteries from EVs, if not recycled, will be an environmental threat.

Obituary

H.M. Mallikarjunappa

Mysuru, Nov. 21- H.M. Mallikarjunappa (81), retired English Professor of Marimallappa's PU College and a resident of Anikethana Road 5th Cross in Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Nagarathnamma, daughters Geetha Shanthakumar and Aparna and son-in-law Shanthakumar of Prerana Agro.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

V.H. Lakshmikanth

V.H. Lakshmikanth (51), son of P. Huchappa (retired General Manager, MCDCC Bank) and a resident of Theobald Road in Nazarbad, passed away on Thursday night in city.

He leaves behind his father, mother M.S. Sowbhagyamma, wife Chandrakala, daughter Deepana and son Hemanth. Last rites were performed on Friday.

Children's and Youth Day celebrations

Music programme on Nov. 22

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be celebrating Children's and Youth Day on Nov. 22, in association with Rotary (West), Mysuru, at the Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram, Mysuru.

Students of various music teachers from across Mysuru will present vocal and instrumental music from morning to evening on that day.

Rtn. Dr. B. Chandra, President, Rotary (West), Mysuru, will inaugurate the programme at 10 am, in the presence of chief guest, Dr. Prathibha Pereira and the inaugural function will be presided over by Dr. P. Mohandas Bhat, President of the Sabha, according to a press release from Vid. H. K.Narasimhamurthy, Vice-President of the Sabha.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512422 or Mob: 94484-86582.

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NEWS BRIEFS

BMD screening for senior citizens

JSS Senior Citizen Helpline, in association with the Geriatrics and Orthopaedic Department of JSS Hospital, has organised a free Bone Marrow Density (BMD) testing and counselling for senior citizens at its premises on Nov. 24 from 11 am to 2 pm. Senior citizens suffering from back pain, stomach ache, knee pain and muscle pain may make use of the free camp. For registration and details, visit JSS Hospital on Mahatma Gandhi Road or call Ph: 0821-2548253 or 2448138, according to a press release from the Project Co-ordinator.

Annual General Body Meeting

The 8th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Navanidhi Multi-purpose Souhadha Co-operative Society for the year 2020-21 will be held on Nov. 23 at 11 am at the Society Office premises. Society President K. S. Murali will preside. Society members are urged to strictly follow COVID preventive steps.

Ph.D awardee

S. Manjula has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Chamarajanagar talukina grama-devathegalu' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.D. Parashurama.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	124.80	feet
Inflow	:	11,867	cusecs
Outflow	:	11,659	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,284.00	feet
Inflow	:	2,681	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,427	cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
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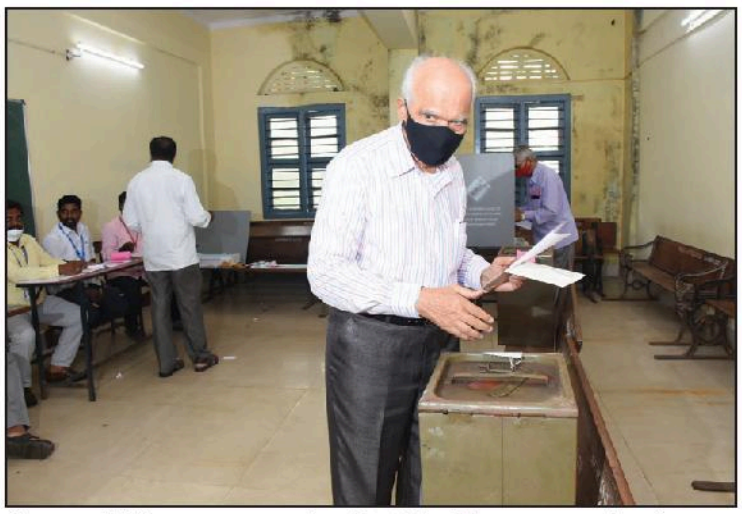
Inflow	:	1,220	cusecs
Outflow	:	600	cusecs

Kannada Sahitya Parishat poll begins with moderate voting



Saraswathi Samman ***awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa and veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) exercising their franchise at Kannada Sahitya Parishat election in city this morning.***

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (RKB&DM)- The voting for electing the State President and District Presidents of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, the representative body for crores of Kannadigas, began on a moderate note this morning in the city and district.

There are three candidates in the fray for Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President's post — former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Advocate K.S. Nagaraj and writer and columnist Bannur K. Raju. As far as State President post is concerned, there are 21 candidates in the fray.

The voting, which began at 8 am, will conclude at 4 pm. There are 13,760 voters in the district, including 7,781 in the city and taluk alone. In case of the State, there are 3,10,109 voters.

In the city, Maharani's College of Arts for Women was the lone centre having 8 booths, with each booth for every 1,000 voters. In the district, booths were set up at designated Government Offices at all the Taluk Headquarters.

Acclaimed writer and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, veteran writers Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy (AVN), T.V. Venkatachalashastry and H.S. Ramachandregowda, Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji and other members of Sahitya Parishat were among the voters who exercised their franchise in the initial hours of voting.

Each voter was provided with two ballot papers — one pink coloured for District election and the other one white coloured for electing the State President.

The counting of votes in respect of District President polls will be taken up this evening simultaneously in the city and at all Taluk Headquarters after voting concludes at 4 pm and the results will be announced tonight, when the fate of all the three candidates in the fray will be known.

As far as State President polls is concerned, the counting of votes will be taken up on Nov. 24.

The Sahitya Parishat polls, which was earlier scheduled to take place in May, was postponed due to COVID crisis.

Heroin, opium make its way to Mandya

Two arrested, Rs. 6.75 lakh narcotic substances seized

Mandya, Nov. 21 (KS)- Mandya Police have arrested two persons, who were trying to sell narcotic substances (drugs) heroin and opium in a public place and have seized the drugs worth Rs. 6.75 lakh from them. Following the arrest and seizure of drugs, it looks like the drugs have made its way to the Sugar Town and the Police have suspected a big racket behind it.

Addressing a press meet at his Office on Friday, Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Yatish said that the names of the accused cannot be disclosed following a High Court order and added that the two accused, who are natives of Bengaluru are in Police custody, will be produced before a Court after questioning.

Continuing, the SP said that, following information that the banned drugs were being illegally sold in public places, a Police team raided the spot, arrested the two and seized 150 grams heroin worth Rs. 6 lakh, 15 grams opium worth Rs. 75,000, Rs. 7,100 cash, electronic weighing scale and one mobile phone from them.

Mandya Dy. SP T. Manjunath, Circle Inspector K. Santosh, Sub-Inspector Y.N. Ravikumar and staff took part in the nabbing and seizing operation, the SPM said and added that the Police have taken the case seriously as it is suspected that there may be a big racket behind the supply of the banned narcotic substances.

Rs. 10 crore needed to restore damaged Chamundi Hill

District Minister asks officials to prepare a fresh estimate once the rain stops

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (RK&BCT)- Conservative estimates made by the Public Works Department (PWD) to restore the Chamundi Hill where massive landslides have occurred say that the State Government has to release a grant of Rs. 10 crore.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore*, PWD Executive Engineer Harsha said that extensive damage has been caused between the View Point and Nandi Statue and the damages extend up to 400 metres.

Land has slipped from the part of the road at a couple of places and as the mud has slipped, it is difficult even to walk at some stretches, he added. Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru are expected to submit a detailed report on the landslides and how to construct the retaining wall using Geo Trail Technology to prevent future landslides, he said.

The Government has already been apprised of the fund requirement and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar has assured that he will get funds to restore the Hill that has a lot of spiritual significance, Harsha added.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters in the city yesterday, Somashekar said that though an initial estimate of Rs. 9.5 crore had been prepared for the repairs, officials had been told to prepare a fresh report after the rains stop fully.

He said that crops on 500 hectares of land and 1,600 km of road have been damaged in Mysuru. "The Deputy Commissioner had sent a detailed report on the damage caused by rain in the district to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai," he said.

The DC has mentioned in his report that damage was caused to 1,994 houses. 87 were completely damaged and 1,907 were partially damaged. The rains had also claimed three lives.

While 1,100 km of roads in urban areas of the district had been damaged, 500 km of the roads in rural areas had been damaged in the rain, he said. A total of 67 school buildings had been damaged while 133 electric poles had collapsed.

'Puthari' harvest fest celebrated with gusto

Kodava youngsters and the elderly perform traditional dances as part of the festival.

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK&DM)- *'Puthari Namme'*, the harvest festival of Kodagu, marking the first harvest of paddy crop, was celebrated in a grand manner in the city yesterday at Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar First Stage. It featured a variety of Kodava cultural events which drew applause from the audience.

The festival began with the performance of *puja* to deities Igguthappa and Cauvery followed by symbolic harvesting of paddy crop (kadiru) and firing in the air. Kodava men were dressed in their traditional '*kupya-chele*', '*peechekathi*' and '*mande tuni*' while women were attired in their traditional red sarees and '*vasthra*'.

They performed popular dances such as '*kolata*', '*bolakaat*', '*kathiyaat*', '*baalopaat*', '*taalipaat*' and '*ummathaat*'. Children and youths were given preference this time. Their performance, especially that of children, who were also attired in traditional Kodava dress, was outstanding.

As part of the festival, special dishes such as '*Puthari kalnji*', '*tambittu*' made out of fried *kusubalakki* and mixed with ripe banana, new rice payasam etc. were prepared and consumed at houses after prayers.

This was the first time that the '*Puthari Namme*' was celebrated in Vijayanagar Kodava Samaja and this was because of incessant rains that has been lashing the city for the past few weeks. Cauvery Educational Institutions premise in Kuvempunagar was the usual venue.

The harvested paddy was traditionally carried inside the Kodava Samaja by Ailappanda Pattu Pemmaiah (in white 'kupya-chele') accompanied by women holding the 'thaliyathakki bolcha' and office-bearers of the Kodava Samaja.

For the celebrations yesterday, the harvested paddy was brought from the field owned by Cauvery Educational Institutions. Hundreds of Kodava community members took part in the event and received the blessings of deities.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President Kekada M. Belliappa, Vice-President Mechanda M. Ponnappa, Secretary Malachira M. Ponnappa, Joint Secretary Padeyanda Vimala Poonacha, Treasurer Mukkatira M. Jeevan and others were present.

In Kodagu district

The festival was celebrated in a grand manner across Kodagu district. The festival began with the performance of '*Nere Kattu*' at Kakkabbe's Paadi Sri Igguthappa Temple in the auspicious Mithuna Lagna of Rohini Nakshatra at 7.05 pm, following which special rituals were performed and '*Kadiru*' was harvested at 8.05 pm.

After the conduct of rituals, the festival was celebrated elsewhere across Kodagu district, including at Omkareshwara temple at Madikeri, Kodava Samaja, Gowda Samaja and other temples and places.

At Omkareshwara temple, considered as the biggest temple at Madikeri, the ritual was done at 7.35 pm and subsequently '*Kadiru*' was harvested inside the temple premises and taken inside the temple at 8.35 pm.

Later, the '*Kadiru*' was taken to Madikeri Kodava Samaja along with *Dudi Kotpaat*, following which the customary '*Took Bolcha*' was lit and offered puja. Thereafter '*Kadiru*' was tied to the lamp and deities Igguthappa and Cauvery were offered prayers.

Similar rituals were held at Gowda Samaja and other places. As there were no paddy fields around, residents of Madikeri took the *Nere* and *Kadiru* from the Omkareshwara Temple to their homes and performed the rituals.

Though the festival ended yesterday, celebrations will continue for a week in rural parts of Kodagu during which the traditional '*Puthari Kolata*' will be performed along with other dance forms at '*Mandh*', the designated place in villages.

Kannada Book festival launched

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (SPN&DM)- Maintaining that India was the first country to visualize the concept of Universities, former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Chidanandagowda said that the establishment of Nalanda and Takshashila Universities goes to prove this.

He was speaking after inaugurating the nine-day Kannada Book Festival organised by Bengaluru's Rashtrothana Sahitya Parishat at Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in the city yesterday.

Asserting that the concept of Universities did not start from America or Europe, Prof. Chidanandagowda said that Nalanda had a University centuries ago that featured may libraries and study rooms. Unfortunately, this University was destroyed by Mohammadiya rulers, he said.

Stating that many students of the country are going abroad for higher studies, he said that students from more than 15 countries used to come to India for studies in the past. Observing that reading rooms and libraries will bring peace to the minds of people, he stressed for focussing more on academics and research, with help from books.

Book Festival Organising Secretary Srihari in his address, said that an increase in the number of readers is vital for the growth of a language. Noting that the gifting books should become the norm, he said that the readers are crucial for the success of book melas. Emphasising on the need for promoting reading habits among the public, Srihari said that there is a 30 percent rebate on books published by Rashtrothana Sahitya Parishat.

Veteran RSS leader M. Venkataramu released writer Sheshadri's work 'Prabandha Sanchaya' on the occasion. Book festival Organising Committee members Srinath, Pruthvi, Prasad, Bhagyashri and others were present.

The Book Fest concludes on Nov. 28 and will be open on all days from 11 am to 9 pm.

'Padma Shri' awardee Harekala Hajabba feted

Padma Shri ***awardee Harekala Hajabba of Dakshina Kannada being felicitated by Rashtrothana Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru, at the ongoing Kannada Book Festival at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city this morning. He is seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Rajyotsava awardees C.V. Keshavamurthy, Sridhar Chakravarthy and Swamy Lingappa, Littérateur and Kannada Book Festival President Prof. K. Chidanandagowda, senior Advocate O. Sham Bhat and Rajyotsava awardee Madali Madappa. Harekala Hajabba felicitated the Rajyotsava awardees of Mysuru region on the occasion.***

NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IS CONCERNED

Whereas my Client RE Electronics Private Limited, Mysore filed WP.No.13954/2019. Now High Court passed an Order directing Notice to Smt. Anusha V Babu, D/o Umashankar Babu, 12/05, D-3 Block, Elita Promenade, 7th Phase, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078 and Sri Naveen Kumar Gupta, D-33, 4th. Main V V Mohalla, Mysore-02.

Therefore, the case is pending before Hon'ble High Court in respect of **Site No. 2472, Vijayanagar, Mysore** purchase by Smt. Anusha V babu and property bearing **Sy. No 43,44, 46/1,46/2 (New Sy.No 43/1,43/2, 44,46/4,46/5) Madargalli, Mysore** purchased by Sri. Naveen Kumar Gupta and in respect of these properties public are here by cautioned not to deal with the property as the dispute is pending before the High Court of Karnataka, if anybody deals with the property it will be at their risk.

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Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By **Gouri Satya**, Sr. Journalist

Can you imagine building a house for just Rs. 5,000?

THOSE WERE THE BEST TIMES: ***Two elderly women seem to be mulling the good old times sitting in the front portion of a house at Rajaram Agrahara.***

Can a decent living house be built by spending just Rs. 5,000? One may deride such a proposal or may mock such a project. But this was proved possible in Mysuru during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. What's more, these model houses are continuing to serve the families living there, who feel happy they have a roof over their head.

The old concept of Agrahara continued even during the reign of Nalwadi although it had been given up in favour of Purams and Mohallas to meet the housing needs of the increasing population. Extensions were needed to be built on modern lines and hence focus had turned towards the creation of Purams and Mohallas than ordinary one-stretch Agraharas with a limited number of houses.

The Agraharas which came up during the period of Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV were significant because they showcased low-cost houses needed to be built for the poor. Two Agraharas came up with this concept and they were the Sreenivasan Agrahara and the Rajaram Agrahara, in the southern part of the city. The two Agraharas were not limited to just 20 or 21 houses as those created during the period of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III. More houses were built there, keeping in mind the changing requirements of the residents.

CHAMUNDI HILL OVERLOOKING HOUSEHOLDS: ***A modern signboard welcomes visitors to the old world charm of Rajaram Agrahara. Next to the park is a long row of identical houses.***

How did the concept materialise?

The concept of these 'model' Agraharas was devised by **M.A. Sreenivasan** (1897-1998), who had an illustrious career in the Mysore Civil Service. He occupied many posts in the princely State of Mysore, including the posts of President of the Mysore City Municipal Council and Chairman of the City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), the present Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

The then Dewan, Sir Mirza Ismail, was visiting Mysore regularly and going round the city once or twice a month inspecting its different parts. Sreenivasan was accompanying the Dewan, also on horseback, during such inspections. As a result, he came to know of the problems people were facing in the city. He also saw the very unhygienic conditions in which the poor lived in the slums.

"I had not imagined that a fair city contained so many hovels and slums hiding behind narrow and blind alleys. The slums were a pitiful sight: Men, women, children, families of three, four, five huddled in small, woebegone huts and shacks, roofs covered with matting, gunnies, broken corrugated sheets, in huts with not a chink or opening for ventilation, except for the door, with access only to a distant water tap, a far-off latrine that was overused, soiled and dilapidated; where the air was foul and stray, mangy curs abounded, " he writes in his book, *"The Last Mysore Pradhan - The Memoires of M.A. Sreenivasan"*, his autobiography earlier titled, *"Of the Raj, Maharajas and Me."*

CAN WE COMPARE?: ***The houses that were built in the 1930s still stand strong at Sreenivasan Agrahara. The sturdiness with which the houses were built can easily put to shame the way how Government houses are now constructed.***

A survey had revealed that not less than 3,000 families lived in such single-room huts without ventilation. It was so dark inside that an oil lamp was lit even during the day. In one such shack lived a golden mace bearer who heralded the entrance of the Maharaja into the Durbar Hall and stood behind the throne during the Nazar, "beautifully dressed and turbaned."

Moved by their pitiable condition, Sreenivasan persuaded Prince Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, who was sitting with him at a meeting of the Municipal Council as part of his administrative training, to accompany him to the slum. The future Maharaja was astonished at what he saw.

Seeing the wretchedness of the slums and the misery of the inhabitants, Sreenivasan was convinced that "a clean home, however humble, is a nursery of health and character, and that money spent on the poor is a sound investment in good citizenship." He made a beginning in building low-cost model houses drawing inspiration from the old concept of Agraharas to serve as models for a comprehensive rehousing and housing scheme for the city. Houses were built around an open quadrangle adjoining the Karohatti Road, now called Ramanuja Road, in 1936.

Rs. 6-12 rent

He explains each house had a built area of 500 sq. ft. with a tiled roof, bedroom, bathroom, a chimneyed kitchen, dining space, latrine, a water tap, and two electric lights. A special feature of the house was a pial, a long seat by the side of the entrance, where the occupant receives visitors or relax, which could also serve as a bed on occasions.

The houses were owned by the Municipality and allotted initially for a period of 20 years. The monthly rent or payment included instalments towards the cost of the house, enabling the allottee to become owner at the end of the period. The monthly rent compared to rent elsewhere in the city was lower. It was as low as Rs. 6 to Rs. 12 per month.

Initially, 40 houses were built in an Agrahara at a cost of Rs. 5,000 each — "a figure that may seem a myth today" and more so now when the construction cost has sky-rocketed. The Agrahara was inaugurated on the *Ugadi* day of 1938 by Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasaraja Wadiyar, father of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. The Agrahara was later named **"Sreenivasan Agrahara"** in recognition of Sreenivasan's dedicated service to the city.

The Sreenivasan Agrahara scheme caught up and aroused a great deal of interest. **V.D. Rajaram Mudaliar,** a philanthropist, came forward with a donation of Rs. 15,000 to the Municipality for the charitable purpose of construction of an Agrahara for the benefit of the low-paid officials working in the civic body.

The Municipality undertook the work and built a group of low-cost cottages and named the Agrahara after the philanthropist who was honoured with the title 'Dharmaprakasha' by the Maharaja. **Rao Bahadur D. Banumiah** was another philanthropist, who made a similar contribution.

Others donated equipment for playground and radio sets for being installed in the quadrangles, which also served as parks. Taking Sreenivasan Agrahara as an example, over 100 houses came up by the end of 1938. These low-income group houses were built under several funds, including the munificent donation made to the Municipality for the construction of low-cost houses for the poor by Yuvaraja Narasimharaja Wadiyar.

The Rajaram Agrahara that came up was an example of close collaboration, Sreenivasan writes and adds, "It fills my heart with pleasure every time I see it, the block of houses built around a small park and play-field of Ramanuja Road, and the neighbouring Agraharas that were modelled on it." **[Continued on Page - 8]**

A SCHEME WORTH EMULATING: ***The identical old houses in Rajaram Agrahara. It served both purposes — living and also drying clothes as there were no washing machines then. Sun, air and temperature were the only factors to dry clothes. The drying is practiced even now.***

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

CITY PLANNERS, NOTE: ***Earlier Agraharas, despite being small, were designed in such a way that there were green spaces for recreation, fresh air and also as a play area for children. Now, houses and parks are separated with less prominence to greenery. Picture shows a view of Sreenivasan Agrahara.***

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Writing about these Agraharas with model houses, Sreenivasan says "the Rajaram Agrahara was not large or pretentious. However, the idea behind it deserves wider recognition and implementation, more so today when schemes of social work are the talk of many high and distinguished platforms. The idea was to make a philanthropic gift, serving a double or triple purpose."

The houses were owned by the Municipality and let, at low sub-economic rents, to the deserving houseless. The rent from the houses, after deducting expenses incurred in respect and upkeep, and in rent-collection, was paid by the Municipality towards the maintenance of the City's Maternity and Child Welfare Centres which served the nursing mothers and children.

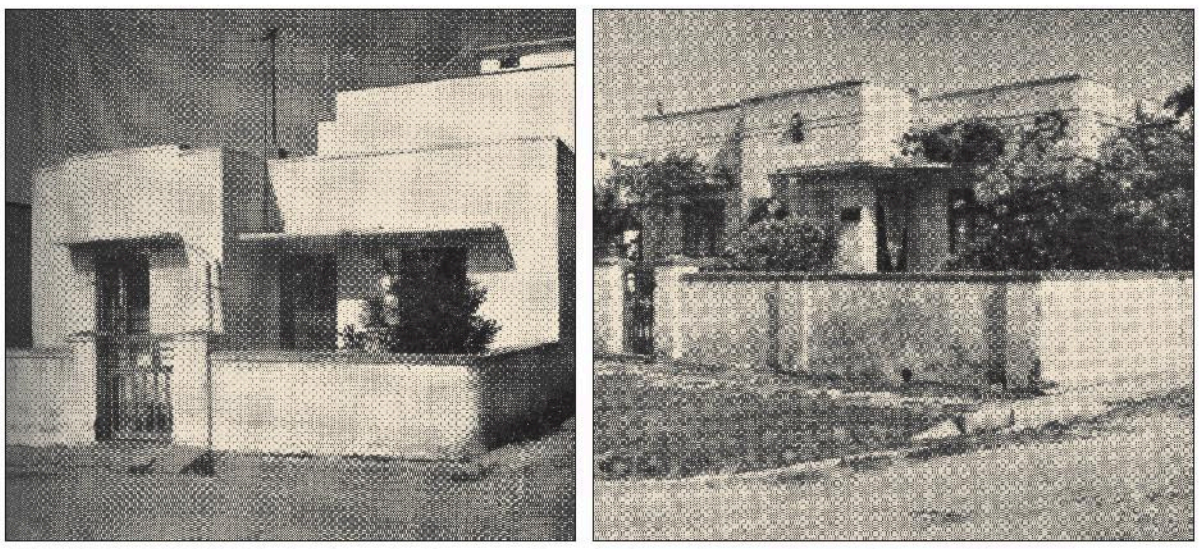
Houses impressed West Bengal Minister

Sreenivasan has an interesting incident to narrate about the Agraharas he built. It happened eight years later when he was attending a meeting convened by the Central Government on housing. Ministers from various States were invited to attend the meeting. The official report placed before it referred to the houses built in Mysore by the initiative taken by Sreenivasan.

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar, who was the Chairman of the meeting, invited the Mysore delegates to speak on their model housing project. At this moment, there was a loud guffaw. It was from **West Bengal Minister Suhrawardy.**

Pointing to the report, he observed that a zero had inadvertently been omitted from the figure given as the cost of each house. But, before Sreenivasan could speak, Ramaswamy Mudaliar intervened and told Suhrawardy that he had himself visited the houses and the figure of Rs. 5,000 was correct. Mudaliar suggested the West Bengal Minister visit Mysore and see the Agraharas for himself.

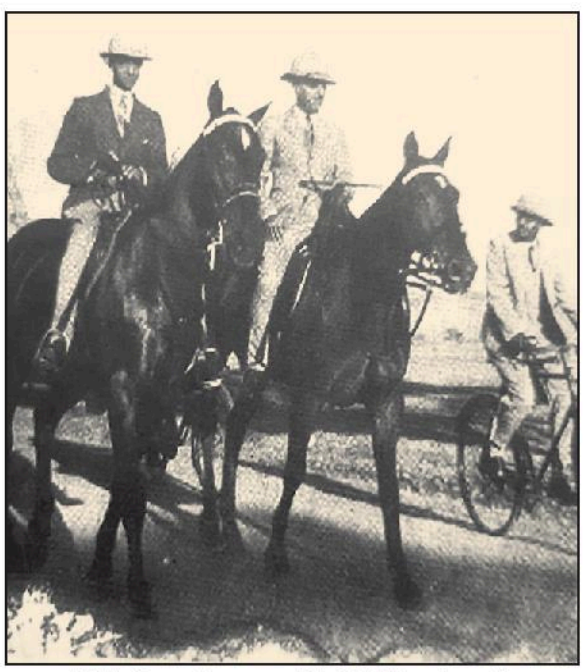
This is how the two Agraharas — Sreenivasan Agrahara and Rajaram Agrahara — and other model houses around them came up in the southern part of the city. The houses more or less remain in the same shape, possibly with minor changes to suit the needs of those living there now.



PICTURE PERFECT: ***Model of one bedroom and two bedroom houses built at Ittigegud for everyone to see.***

These houses continue to serve as a model to our city planners on how houses can be built at low cost. Perhaps, authorities and developers can draw inspiration and provide houses for the roofless poor at affordable cost at a time when construction cost has gone beyond the reach of not only the poor but also of the middle class.

M.A. Sreenivasan had an illustrious career



M.A. Sreenivasan with Sir Mirza Ismail.

Born in 1897 in a reputed family of scholars and priests settled around the temple town of Srirangapatna, who included two historic personalities, Tirumal Row and Narayan Row, Pradhans of the period of Tipu Sultan, M.A. Sreenivasan had an illustrious career in the Civil Service of the then State of Mysore headed by Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, commencing from 1918.

After holding various posts, he rose to become a Minister in the princely State under Dewan Sir N. Madhava Rau and then became Dewan of the Princely State of Gwalior under Maharaja Jiyajirao Scindia.

M.A. Sreenivasan, MCM President & CITB Chairman

He served as Mysore's Trade Commissioner in London and later on held the offices of Controller of Supplies and Controller of Purchases in the Government of India. While working as a Minister in the Maharaja's Council of Ministers, he founded the University of Agricultural Sciences at Hebbal in Bengaluru. He represented the erstwhile Princely State of Gwalior as a member of the Constituent Assembly during 1947-48.

After his retirement, he became the first Indian Chairman of the John Taylor Company, which was mining gold at Kolar Gold Fields, served as Chairman of Consolidated Coffee Limited and Coffee Lands and Industries, Director of Air India and other companies. He was also the Founder-President of the Greater Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

After a fruitful life spanning over a century, Sreenivasan passed away in 1998 at the age of 101 years. Sreenivasan's son late M.A. Parthasarathy was a former Chairman of the Bangalore Urban Arts Commission, whose daughter, Devaki Jain, is a reputed Indian economist and a *Padma Bhushan* awardee. Sreenivasan Jain of *NDTV*-fame is one of her two sons▪

Historical Janardhana Temple collapses

Located on the banks of Amanikere in Kikkeri of K.R. Pet taluk, it is built in Hoysala style architecture

Mandya, Nov. 21- The historical Janardhana Temple at Kikkeri in K.R. Pet taluk of Mandya district has collapsed due to incessant rains that has been lashing the town for the past few days.

The temple is located on the banks of Amanikere with Hoysala style architecture. The idols of Gods were engraved on the walls of the temple, upon a 4 ft. high stone pedestal. With the collapse of the wall, all the sculpted idols crumbled and have fallen onto the ground, which explains the sorry state of temple maintenance.

There were beautiful sculptures of deities such as Narasimha, Gopalakrishna, Mahisha Mardhini, Kalinga Mardhana, Yoganarasimha, Vishnu, Shiva, Ganesh etc., in Hosyala style.

The Janardhana Temple is said to have been built in the year 1260 AD during the time of the third Hoysala King Narasimha. But, with the passage of time, the temple has turned into a dilapidated state due to poor maintenance and utter negligence on the part of authorities.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the original sculpted idol of Janardhana, the presiding deity, is said to be in a New York Museum and efforts were on to bring it back. However, Kikkeri residents claim that their repeated pleas to the authorities concerned to maintain the temple and bring back the deity's sculpted idol fell on deaf ears.

Pigs have a field day as garbage piles up on Nadanahalli Road

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK&DM)- The Nadanahalli Road, off Ring Road near Alanahalli, has turned into a piggery with pigs having a field day feeding on heaps of garbage piled in front of an Old Age Home on the stretch, causing problems for Home inmates, pedestrians and motorists.

The strewn garbage close to the Home run by Sri Vasavi Shanthidhama Public Charitable Trust has become a bane for pedestrians and motorists alike even as the MCC authorities display a sense of apathy and negligence in clearing wastes along the road which emanates unbearable stench.

The pigs are also causing hindrance to smooth vehicular movement on the busy road. The pig menace has caused numerous accidents near the spot with two-wheeler riders losing balance and falling down while trying to avoid hitting the pigs that suddenly come on to the road.

Girish, a resident of Rammanahalli told *Star of Mysore* that clearing heaps of garbage is the only way to ensure smooth and safe travel on the road. What is astonishing is that though there are hardly a couple of shops adjacent to the Old Age Home, the ever-growing garbage heap makes one wonder whether there exists a big locality around, he noted.

Meanwhile, the callousness of the authorities of the newly-formed Rammanahalli Town Panchayat, under whose limits the Old Age Home comes, has irked motorists travelling on the road. Alleging that there are no street-lights in the area and also there are no dustbins around, people have urged the authorities to clean the area and also save them from becoming victims of road accidents, said Old Age Home Manager Raghavendra.

Coffee Board holds video-conference with DCs of coffee-growing districts

Madikeri, Nov. 21- With coffe growers in dire straits due to the vagaries of nature and crop loss, Coffee Board Secretary K.G. Jagadeesha held a video-conference with Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of coffee-growing districts of Kodagu, Hassan and Chikkamagalur on Thursday.

During the video-conference, Jagadish directed the Board authorities to submit details regarding the area of crop loss, the number of growers, loss in terms of percentage and the money required for relief as per NDRF norms.

Coffee Board Deputy Director B. Shivakumara Swamy said that as at the end of September month, 22 villages where more than 33 percent of coffee-growing areas were damaged by rains and floods were identified. A survey on the extent of damage to crops in October and November will be carried out soon, he said adding that the survey will be carried out in association with Agriculture, Horticulture and Revenue Department officials.

Kodagu DC holds meeting

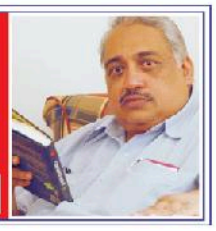
Meanwhile, Kodagu DC Dr. B.C. Satish has directed the officials to submit a report on the extent of damages caused to the infrastructure in the district.

He was addressing officials from various Departments at a meeting held at his office here on Thursday.

Directing the officials to immediately submit a report on the damages caused to the District's infrastructure due to heavy rains in September and October, he said that there should be no complacency in maintaining accuracy in respect of estimating the losses.

Joint Director of Agriculture Shabana M. Shaikh, Deputy Director Muthuraj, Deputy Director of Horticulture Pramod, Tahsildar Mahesh, Shirastedar Pravin Kumar, Urban Planning Director P. Srinivas, CESC EE Ashok, PWD AEE Shivaram, Panchayat Raj Engineer Mahadevu, PMGSY Engineer Poovaiah, Veterinary Deputy Director Suresh Bhat, Fisheries Department Senior Assistant Director K.T. Darshan, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh and other officials were present.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Sudden Cardiac Death: What YOU can do!

In my two earlier articles I have told you all about why **Sudden Cardiac Deaths (SCDs)** occur and what you should know about this deadly problem. Today I will be telling you about what you can do to prevent such deaths and how best you can deal with the situation if you do happen to encounter it as you go about your daily life.

Knowing what to do is more important for all of us as Sudden Cardiac Death is one medical condition where the intervention and quick and appropriate reaction of bystanders rather than any medical help which is very often the main element that is more likely to save the victim's life.

I say this because the first rescue efforts which can be administered on the spot and also during the transit to a hospital are the ones that can keep the patient alive till he or she reaches a medical facility. If this is achieved successfully during the most risky and critical first few minutes, the chances of the patient surviving after reaching the hospital are very good.

But as the age-old adage says, 'prevention is better than a cure' and this is perhaps nowhere truer than in the case of heart attacks or SCDs. So, I'll talk about prevention first.

As I said in my very first article, nearly eighty percent of SCDs herald their arrival nearly a month before striking with some ominous signs or symptoms that should not be ignored. And, therefore the most important first step is not to ignore or brush away those symptoms as trivial especially when one has associated risk factors like obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, high blood lipid levels and a family history of heart disease.

People who lead sedentary lives, smoke or consume alcohol or lead stressful lives, working hard and losing sleep, to achieve their self-set or job-related goals are the ones who should modify their lifestyles before it is too late. **Too late here does not mean till they start experiencing the signs and symptoms because by then the damage would have been done and their bodies would be poised on the verge of going over the cliff. So, earlier is always better.** So, signs like fatigue, palpitation, shortness of breath or chest pain and discomfort while walking uphill or on climbing stairs, should be taken seriously and a medical opinion sought to rule out serious problems.

Locating the pulse at the wrist.

Very often the symptoms of serious heart problems can mimic the symptoms of gastritis or hyper-acidity which is very common. So, most people continue to consume over the counter medications on their own and avoid going for a cardiac check-up. **Very often it is the fear of what these check-ups can reveal, which dissuades a great many of them from seeking medical help.**

While it is true that hyperacidity and gastritis can mimic a heart problem it is also very true that many all too real cardiac problems can masquerade as simple acidity and that is what makes it dangerous to ignore the problem. It must be noted that while dealing with what seems like acidity and gastritis it is always safer to rule out an underlying cardiac cause than to overlook it.

The verdict should come from the horse's mouth and here the best horse to bet on is none other than your friendly, neighbourhood cardiologist! I say this because these days, with the rapid growth of our healthcare system and transport facilities a cardiac care centre is available just a stone's throw away for most of us. In most towns and cities every other house now has a car and our free ambulance services serving even remote village are pretty good and they have been saving lives very effectively over the past few years. So, seeking medical help to establish a diagnosis before the problem strikes can save lives.

Now I'll tell you what you can do if you do find somebody falling down unconscious on the pavement or at the workplace and I'll keep it very simple. You have to first see if the person has a good and steady pulse and to do this you need to first learn where to locate it. **And this is something that you should learn to do immediately after you finish reading this article!**

The pulse tells you if the person's heart is beating steadily and it is best felt on the inside of the wrist. The best way to locate it is to move your entire thumb and locate the point where this movement starts. You will most certainly find the pulse throbbing somewhere in its immediate vicinity but if you are in doubt a doctor or nurse you know can help you immensely in this matter. **It is worthwhile to feel your own pulse now and then, not only to remain adept at this very vital skill but also to reassure yourself that you are alive!**

Even as you are kneeling down to help the fallen person you should request someone around to call for medical help. So, another thing you should become good at is to memorise a couple of emergency help numbers like the national ambulance service, the Police Control Room and a good cardiac care hospital. If you find the pulse steady and bounding and the patient breathing, he or she is safe for the moment. You can wait till the medics arrive.

But if you find that the person is not breathing or the pulse is absent or very weak and irregular, you need to react without wasting any time. If the pulse is weak, you should raise the legs of the person so that you can divert whatever blood that is flowing out of his or her heart to the brain to keep it alive till help arrives.

But if you find the pulse absent in both wrists, you should thump the patient's chest hard once or twice with your fist and see if the pulse returns and remains beating. This action can very often start a heart that has stopped. But if this does not happen, it is time to start a cardiac massage. **And though we all use the term 'massage' it is almost a misnomer because just massaging the chest does not help at all!**

What you need to do is place the person supine on a firm surface and with both your palms placed one above the other on the centre of the chest, press down firmly and rhythmically, depressing it sharply by at least an inch and a half so that the heart underneath is compressed sufficiently to pump out the blood inside as it does on its own normally.

This is again a skill that a doctor or para-medic or even the videos available on the internet can teach you very well. **You have to keep doing this manoeuvre continuously either till the heart starts beating or till medical help arrives or you yourself manage to get the patient to a hospital where the medical team can take over.**

But there is another thing you have to ensure before the victim is safe and that is to ensure that his or her lungs get the air to keep him or her alive. That is where knowing the art of artificial respiration comes in handy. **But that will have to wait until next week because I do not want to give you an overdose of my medicine all at once! So please hold your breath for now and please stay tuned!**

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Book on women achievers: Articles invited

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (SSM)- Yuva-shakti Prakashana, Mysuru, will be bringing out its 6th publication on women achievers of Karnataka as well as outside Karnataka, titled 'Kannada Nadina Hemmeya Sadhakiyaru - Samputa 2' next year (2022).

Hence, articles with biodata are invited from women achievers in different fields including literature, dance, music, education, medical, fine arts, agriculture, cinema, theatre, sports, journalism, social service and entrepreneur. Applicants can send details of their achievement (typed, not handwritten) within four A4-size pages along with a photo, to: B. Basavaraju, Publisher, Yuvashakti Prakashana, Sri Bireshwara Nilaya, No. 2318/1, K-2, 7th Cross, Basaveshwara Road, Agrahara, Mysuru-570004. For details, contact Mob: 90368-39706.

M. Tech in Tool Engineering

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (ASC)- Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to two-year M. Tech in Tool Engineering (AICTE and VTU affiliated). Engineering graduates (BE) in Mechanical, Industrial Production, Automobile, Automation and Robotics, including those who have written PG-CET are eligible to apply for the course. For details, contact GTTC, Belagola Industrial Area, KRS Road, Mysuru-570 016 or call Mob: 92439-89954, according to a press release.

Meatless day

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (ASC)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has ordered closure of all slaughter houses and meat shops in MCC limits on Nov. 25 (Thursday), on account of Saint T. L. Vaswani Jayanti celebrations, according to a press release from MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy.

No power supply on Nov. 23

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Nov. 23 in the following Power Distribution Centres — Tumbla, Chidravalli, Maliyuru and Nanjapura from 8 am and 9.30 am.

Bannur Power Distribution Centre - 8 am to 3 pm: Bannur town, Kodgalli, Bisihalli, Heggur, Athahalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

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Mugil Pete (K) - 4 shows

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Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Nan Hesaru Kishora Yel Pass Yentu (K) & Mugil Pete (K) - 2 shows

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
100 (K) - 4 shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
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Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 7 pm, 9.45 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
Ghostbusters: Afterlife (E)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
100 (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm; (S-4) 4.30 pm
Ellam Sheriyakum (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Eternals (3D-E)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Bhajarangi 2 - (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am; (S-3) 3.45 pm
	(S-2)	12.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm; (S-3) 6.45 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am; (S-4) 6.10 pm
Ghostbusters: Afterlife (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 6.55 pm
Kurup (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am
Sooryavanshi (H)	(S-4)	9.25 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	(S-4)	3.15 pm
100 (K)	(S-1)	7.00 pm; (S-3) 1.05 pm
Bhajarangi 2 - (K)	(S-2)	3.40 pm
Eternals (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.45 pm

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Bhajarangi 2 (K)	:	3.25 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.40 pm 6.05 pm, 10 pm
Eternals (2D-E)	:	11.30 am
100 (K)	:	12.45 pm, 3.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	:	2.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.35 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50, 10 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	:	11.50 am
Sooryavanshi (H)	:	3.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Ghostbusters Afterlife (E)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 7.05 pm,10 pm
Annaatthe (Ta)	:	6.15 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	:	6.55 pm

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Ghostbusters Afterlife (E)	:	9.30 am, 12.10 pm, 6.45, 9.40 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	:	12.25 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	:	6.15 pm
Eternals (2D-E)	:	3.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	:	6.00 pm
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	:	9.20 am, 3.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	11.40 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
100 (K)	:	3.00 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	:	12.30 pm

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100 (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 9.20 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Tom and Jerry (K)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-1)	3.40 pm; (S-4) 9.05 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-1)	6.50 pm; (S-2) 4.05 pm (S-4) 10.45 am
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Lakshya (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Nan Hesaru Kishora Yel Pass Yentu (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Ram Asur (Te)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Bhajarangi 2 - (K)	(S-4)	6.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Know your vaccination status

New Delhi, Nov. 21 (Agencies)- In yet another fantastic initiative by the Central Government to ease the vaccination programme in India, it launched a new feature on its CoWIN portal where one can check their vaccination status anytime, anywhere.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced on *Twitter* last evening that they have activated the service on CoWIN which will now allow citizens to check their vaccination status by just putting in their registered mobile number and name, followed by an OTP (one time password). "Now download the fully / partially vaccinated badge from CoWIN (cowin.gov.in) & share it with your friends on all your social platforms! Encourage your family and friends to follow you and #FightCovid," National Health Authority CEO R.S. Sharma said in a tweet.

The feature can be utilised even by service providers, such as travel agencies, offices, employers, entertainment agencies, or government agencies such as IRCTC, "for whom verifying a person's vaccination status is critical for facilitating a service requested by the citizen", an official said.

The facility has been set up to assist citizens who might not have received their vaccine certificates in digital or in paper for availing a specified service. It will also help service providers verify the vaccination status/ vaccination digital record of citizens as per the authorised permission of the requesting entity.

The Ministry claimed that this service will help in resuming and catalyzing the economic activities by verifying a person's vaccination status without revealing the beneficiary's protected health data. Service may be enabled via open APIs or no-code webpage integration that CoWIN has created for private or Govt. service providers to retrieve a person's vaccination status.

SOME ADVANTAGES

1. It helps in verifying the vaccination status of individuals. The vaccination status can be fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or not vaccinated.

2. It can be utilised by travel agencies to help make travel safe for individuals by allowing travel only for vaccinated individuals.

3. Employers can use it to verify vaccination status of employees and resume functions in offices, workplaces, etc.

4. It will help resume and catalyse the economic activities in the country.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 21)

Rashtrotthana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Kannada Book Festival, Book Expo-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru and TTD-Sri Venkateshwara Bhakti Channel (SVBC)-3: Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma's 350th Aradhaneya Samvatsara Samsmarane, Sri Kaniyur Mutt Seer Sri Vidyavallabhatheertha Sripadangal inaugurates, Bhajans by Rashmi Adish and troupe, **4 pm;** 'Dasa Karanji' by young talented singers — Vid. Sumukh Moudgalya-Mysuru, Vidu. Ananya R. Bhat and Vidu. Amulya R. Bhat-Mysuru, Vid. Y.N. Madvesha-Mysuru, Vidu. Vaishnavi Dutta-Mysuru, Vidu. R. Nityashri-Mysuru, Vid. H. Rakesh Iyer-Mysuru, Vidu. Ashwini-Mysuru and Vidu/ Dhanya Nagaraj-Mysuru — **5 pm;** Stage programme, TTD-SVBC-3 Kannada Senior Manager BPK Gundu Rao chief guest, scholar Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya special invitee, felicitation to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd. (MPVL) Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, **6 pm;** 'Raghavendra Vaibhava - Namma Nade Rayara Kade' — Dr. Vitobhacharya-Bengaluru, Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi-Mysuru, Vidu. Snigha and Vidu. S. Dhyuti-Bengaluru and Vid. Chandan Muralidhar-Bengaluru; Compère: Chandrika Keerthinarayan-Mysuru, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Vishwamanava Dr. Rajkumar Abhimani Balaga, Mysuru: Musical tribute to 'Power Star' Puneeth Rajkumar, conferring of 'Puneeth Yuva Kanmani' awards on achievers from various fields — Shivashankar (ACP), Arun Yogiraj (Sculptor), Ravi Nayak (Ex-servicemen & Social Worker) and S. Shivanna Sonahalli Biligere (Theatre) — Mayor Sunanda Palanetra chief guest, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director S.E Girish, Social Worker Prithvi Singh, Bhoomika Housing Co-operative Society President Thammaiah and Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda will be present, Town Hall, **4.30 pm.**

Children's Literary Club: Children to read M. Ramarao's essay "Are You also fostering a Dog?" Part II, Club Director Dr. R. Purnima will be present, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru: Grand Nagaswara Concert by Vid. Krishnamurthy and party, **4.15 pm;** Grand Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidwan Sampagodu Vighnaraja, accompanied by Vid. Mathur R. Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2542069 or Mob: 82777-33410]

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 22)

Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple Trust: 44th annual Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava, 23rd annual Mahakumbhabhisheka and 7th annual Haalaravi Seve, Maharudrabhisheka, Bilvarchane, Pushparchane, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, flower decoration, procession, Temple premises, Lashkar Mohalla, **6 am.**

Rashtrotthana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Kannada Pustaka Habba (Kannada Book Festival), Book Expo-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**

Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum: Offering of floral tributes to Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa's portrait by DCP (Law & Order) Pradeep Gunti, Mysore University Finance Officer Dr. Sangeetha Gajanan Bhat, Mysore University Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Gnana Prakash, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, ZP Member Beerihundi Basavanna, University Evening College Principal Dr. H.C. Devarajegowda, Mysore University Syndicate Members Doddachari and Dr. Chaitra Narayan, opposite Mysore University Evening College, **10.30 am.**

Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru: Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava and Religious Lectures, Vachana Gayana by Choodamani and troupe, **5.30 pm;** Yuvaraja's College lecturer H. Nivedita talks on 'Vachana Sahityadalli Sthreevaada,' Sri Srikanta Swamiji of Virakta Mutt graces the occasion, Sri Sangameshwara Temple (Sri Mutt premises), **6 pm.**

Nadaranga and Kannada & Culture Department: 'Ranga Sambhrama-2021,' a 5-day Mythological, Social and Folk Theatre Festival, Addanda C. Cariappa, Director of Rangayana, Mysuru, inaugurates, Rajashekar Kadamba, President, Kadamba Ranga Vedike, presides, H. Chennappa, Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture Department and Vidwan Y.M. Puttannaiah, Rajyotsava awardee, chief guests, Theatre songs by Puttannaiah and troupe, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Theatre Fest

Mysuru, Nov. 21- City-based Sanchalana Mysore, in association with Arkadhama, Shravanashrama, Bhoomideepa & Sri Kashivishwanatha Temple Trust, has organised 'Sanchalana Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival' at the Temple premises in G.B. Saragur, Bogadi-Gaddige Road, H.D. Kote, from Nov. 22 to 26. District Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the Fest at 6.30 pm tomorrow. Prior to that, a procession of folk art troupes will be taken out from G.B. Saragur Government High School to Sri Kashivishwanatha Temple which will be flagged off by Karnataka Janapada Academy Chairperson *Padma Shri* B. Manjamma Jogati and Academy Registrar N. Namratha.

SCHEDULE (6 pm)

Nov. 22: Staging of play 'Sorutihudu Sambandha' by Sanchalana Children's Theatre Troupe.

Nov. 23: Play 'Vishajwale' by Sanchalana Children's Theatre Troupe; 'Mookana Makkalu' by Rangayana Junior Repertory.

Nov. 24: Bharatanatyam by N. Harshitha; Play 'Sutradhara' by Rangayana Special Unit.

Nov. 25: Folk play 'Punyakoti' by Sri Nanjunda Shivayogeeshwara Vidyasamste; Play 'Papu - Bapu' by M.C. Talalu Government High School.

Nov. 26: Play 'Maayadwara' by G.B. Saragur Govt. Higher Primary School; 'Kappa Kanike' by G.B. Saragur Govt. High School.

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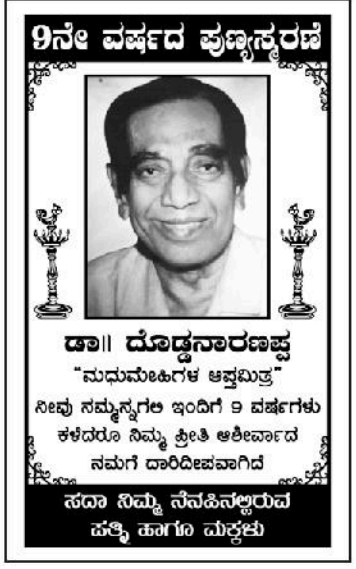

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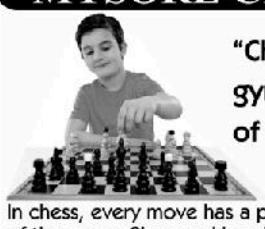
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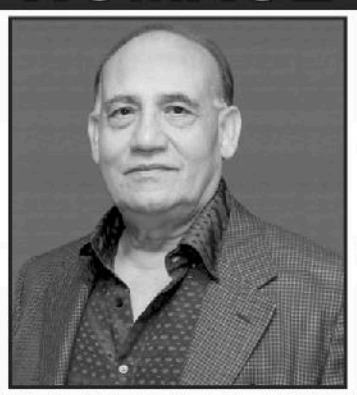
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